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1. In mid-March 1952 the Chinese Communists in Swatow were recruiting unemployed mechanics and seamen to go to Ch'aoan (116-37, 23-42) for training in navigation and repair work, after which they were to be sent to Indochina to aid troops of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. On 1 April 1,000 of these mechanics and seamen were being trained in Ch'aoan.

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2. In early April the Chinese Communist military authorities in Kwangtung intensified their conscription activities, justifying them by reference to the bacteriological warfare methods of United States troops in Korea.
3. In early April about 10,000 Chinese Communist army recruits, including 800 women, were in Shaho (113-19, 23-09) awaiting transportation to Kwangsi. They were to receive military training there instead of in Kwangtung, because in Kwangtung it would have been easier for them to desert.

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